HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 297

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Harold D. Morrell of the Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Harold D. Morrell, a longtime welding instructor at the Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton, is one such estimable person who has served his community and nation with distinction; and

WHEREAS, he attended Hunter Elementary and Unaka High Schools in Carter County prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in March of 1960; and

WHEREAS, Harold was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in March 1964, holding the rank of Corporal E-4; and

WHEREAS, he attended the Johnson City Vocational School from 1966 to 1968 to obtain welding certification and was enrolled in the Bachelor of Science degree program in education at the University of Tennessee from 1980 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 1979, Harold began his employment with the State Area Vocational Technical School, the forerunner of the Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton, and became one of the four original faculty members employed at the school at the time; and

WHEREAS, he received welding certification from the American Welding Society and American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Harold received tenure on July 1, 1985, became an intermediate teacher on July 1, 1986, and senior instructor on July 1, 1997, prior to his retirement on June 30, 1983; and

WHEREAS, he has continued to provide advice and counsel to countless numbers of high school students in Northeast Tennessee while serving as a student recruiter for the Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Harold D. Morrell of the Tennessee Technology Center at Elizabethton for his honorable and astute military and public service to his fellow man, his country, and the good people of Tennessee, salute his unwavering commitment to providing the necessary training for his students to be prepared for gainful employment, and extend to him, his wife, Shirley, their two children, Greg and Melissa, and their four grandchildren, our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for continued success and happiness in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.